

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to you today as a current satellite TV subscriber who would like to add my voice of strong support to the pending merger of EchoStar and DIRECTV. The combination of these two satellite providers will provide numerous benefits to consumers like me, including more choices in channels, programming, broadband and new television technologies.

I believe that allowing EchoStar and DirecTV to merger, will do nothing but benefit the end consumer with enhanced products and technology features. The force behind such merger may just start to crack the local cable companies into providing the technology advancements they've been promising consumers for years.

By merging, the combined company will be a much stronger competitor to my local cable television provider, who has done nothing to enhance it's service in years. There is currently no competitive reason for my cable company to offer better services.

In the interest of improving our access to competitive television and Internet service, I urge you to lend your support to this merger.

Sincerely,

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